

**REMARKS**

After entry of the instant Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 9-23 remain in the instant application, with claims 1 and 22 in independent form. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of allowable claim 7 therein. Claim 9, which previously depended from claim 7, has been amended to depend directly from independent claim 1. Likewise, claims 10-12, which previously depended from dependent claim 7, have been amended to depend from dependent claim 2 because these claims are identical to claims 4-6, respectively. New claims 13-21 are identical to one of claims 2, 4, 5, 6, or 9 but contain different dependency. New independent claim 22 contains each element from independent claim 1, as well as the elements of dependent claims 2, 4, 5, and 6. New dependent claim 23 is identical to dependent claim 6 but depends from new independent claim 22. , claims 1, 2, and 4-12 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended, claim 3 has been cancelled, and claims 7-12 have been added. Claim 7 is presently cancelled in view of the amendment of claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claim 7 therein. Claim 8 is also presently cancelled. Claim 3 was previously cancelled. No new matter is added to the instant application through the instant amendments.

Claims 1 and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Enami et al. (European Patent App. No. 0771862). Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (USPN 4774297) in view of Konings et al. (USPN 5371162). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such

a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and/or use the invention. Claims 7 and 9-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claim. In further support for the Examiner's determination that dependent claim 7 is allowable if rewritten into independent form, the Applicants note that paragraph [0055] on page 25 of the instant application as filed describes results that are clearly unexpected when the combination of the aromatic amine and the organopolysiloxane containing aromatic amino groups is used for component (C).

In view of the amendment of independent claim 1 to include the elements of claim 7, and in view of the cancellation of claim 8, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections of the claims have been overcome and must be withdrawn. Further, the Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims (include new independent claim 22) each include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner such that independent claims 1 and 22, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Applicants note that the deadline for the 3-month period for response to the instant Office Action without payment for extension of time fees falls on a Saturday such that the instant Amendment is timely filed. Further, the total number of claims now pending in the instant application is 20, with 2 independent claims. Thus, it is believed that no fees are presently due for an extension of time or for additional claims. However, the

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,  
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